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Prostitution Ring Charged with Murder

Four members of a prostitution ring are due in court Friday on charges they killed and robbed two men and tried to murder a third man during a crime spree last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Michael Mosby (dob 3/23/91), Tenise Dominique Taylor (dob 11/11/92), Mariah Milika Jiles (dob 12/11/91) and Marina Judkins (dob 10/27/97) are scheduled to be at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, on Jan. 9 to set a date for their preliminary hearing. All four have pleaded not guilty in case BA424131.

Deputy District Attorney Victor Avila with the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Mosby is the alleged pimp who recruited Taylor, Jiles and a 16-year-old minor, Judkins, as prostitutes. The group allegedly escalated their criminal activity on April 1, 2014, when Mosby and Jiles tried to kill an acquaintance of Jiles. Prosecutors say Mosby allegedly was driving a van when Jiles allegedly opened the van's rear passenger door and shot the intended victim, who was sitting in his parked car. The shooting occurred in the 1700 block of West 35th Place. The victim survived.

Mosby and Jiles are charged with one count each of attempted murder, shooting at an occupied motor vehicle and child abuse because Jiles's two-year-old daughter was in the van when Jiles allegedly opened fire.

On April 18, Mosby and Judkins are charged with one count each of murder and second-degree robbery of Pedro Rodriguez, who was seated in his parked vehicle at Flower and 47th streets with Judkins.

On April 23, Mosby, Taylor and Judkins are charged with one count each of murder and second-degree robbery of William Quezada as he sat in his parked vehicle at Flower at 48th streets with Judkins.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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